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EDUCATION

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., May 2005, graduated with *pro bono* distinction

Activities: Co-President, Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association; Vice-President, Stanford Biolaw; *Stanford Technology Law Review*; law clerk for East Palo Alto Community Law Clinic

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, A.B. in Human Biology, June 2000, honors in Ethics in Society

Activities: Mock Trial competition (Outstanding Witness Award), Oxford University Study Abroad Program, Teaching Assistant for “Thinking About Religion” course, Project AIYME Mentor (Center for Public Service)

Senior thesis: *Unclaimed Infants: An analysis of the acceptance of parental responsibility in surrogate motherhood*

EXPERIENCE

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM B. SHUBB, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, Sacramento, CA
Judicial Clerk, November 2005 – October 2006

- Conduct legal research in areas such as civil rights, intellectual property, and criminal law
- Prepare judge for oral argument
- Draft orders and memoranda for motions seeking dismissal, suppression, summary judgment

IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS CLINIC, Stanford, CA

Law Clerk, January 2005 – May 2005

- Represented a client for a removal hearing, conducted legal research, prepared hearing brief, interviewed witnesses
- Investigated conditions at a detention center in preparation for litigation by searching public records and interviewing advocates and immigrant detainees

MORRISON & FOERSTER, L.L.P., San Diego, CA

Summer Associate, May – July 2004

- Drafted memoranda for litigation purposes
- Volunteered at domestic violence and AIDS law clinics and for community mediation *pro bono*

PERKINS COIE, L.L.P., Menlo Park, CA

Summer Associate, July – August 2004

- Drafted motions and memoranda for litigation purposes

THE HONORABLE IRMA E. GONZALEZ, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, San Diego, CA

Judicial Extern, June – August 2003

- Drafted court orders, including one published opinion, on issues including immigration, constitutional law

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL BIOETHICS, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Fellow, September 2000 – July 2002

- Researched and wrote conceptual work in the areas of informed consent, human subjects research and cross-cultural issues in medicine
- Conducted empirical research on ethical and legal aspects of research with children
- Served as on-call ethics consultant for patients, nurses, physicians, and genetic counselors

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, CA

Teaching Assistant, Bioethics Course, September 1999 – June 2000

- Led weekly section, facilitated discussion, and evaluated papers

PUBLICATIONS

- A. Whittle, **S. Shah**, B. Wilfond, G. Gensler, D. Wendler, “Institutional Review Board Practices Regarding Assent in Pediatric Research,” *Pediatrics*, Vol. 113, No.6, 1747-1752 (June 2004).
- Wendler, **S. Shah**, “How Can Medical Training and Informed Consent be Reconciled with Volume-Outcome Data?,” *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, in press.
- **S. Shah**, A. Whittle, B. Wilfond, G. Gensler, D. Wendler, “How Do Institutional Review Boards Apply the Risk and Benefit Standards for Pediatric Research?,” 291 *JAMA* 476 (2004).
- D. Wendler, **S. Shah**, “Should Children Decide Whether they are Enrolled in Non-Beneficial Research?” 3 *American Journal of Bioethics* 4: 1-7 (2004).
- D. Wendler, **S. Shah**, A. Whittle, B. Wilfond, “Non-beneficial research with individuals who cannot consent: Is it ethically better to enroll healthy or affected individuals?” *IRB* 2003;25(4):1-4.
- **S. Shah**, “*Transplantation Ethics* book review,” *Progress in Transplantation*, 2001: 11(4):298-299.
- **S. Shah**, “The ‘Subject’s Condition Requirement’: Unjustified Exceptionalism in the Federal Regulations,” The Legal Brief, *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Exchange*, Spring 2003, vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 5-6.
- H. Forster, **S. Shah**, “Legal Trends in Bioethics,” *Journal of Clinical Ethics* 12(3): 319-330 (2001).
- M. Forzley, H. Forster, **S. Shah**, E. Howe, “International Health Law,” 35(2) *The International Lawyer* p. 713-721 (Summer 2001).

PRESENTATIONS

- “What constitutes a minor increment over minimal risk in pediatric research: The discrepancy between IRB evaluation and the available data on the risks of procedures.” Department of Clinical Bioethics Retreat, Queenstown, MD, May 2005.
- Should Physicians’ Experience be Disclosed to Patients? Clinical Fellows’ Reunion, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, October 2002.
- Mock trial, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Conference, Nashville, TN, October 2001. Organized trial examining bioethicist liability, served as defendant bioethicist and plaintiff expert.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Proficiency in Spanish and Gujarati
- Volunteered at Reptile House in Washington National Zoo, Trekking and studied in Nepal: “Environments of Nepal: The Alpine Ecology Communities Summer Program”